

State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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Larry D. Berg, P.E. Western States Minerals Corporation 250 South Rock Boulevard, Suite 130 Reno, Nevada 89502

Re: Mineral Exploration Progress Reports; H. S. Project, E/003/026; K.B. Project, E/003/029; and Tug Project, E/003/004; Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Berg:

Thank you for your letter received by the Division January 24, 1996, regarding the status of the H.S., the K.B. and the Tug exploration projects, located in Box Elder County, Utah. Your letter meets the notice requirements of Rule R647-2 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Title 40-8, et seq., Utah Code Annotated, 1953.

Regarding the Tug Project, Western States submitted a Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations on January 28, 1988 (assigned file number M/003/007). This Notice has not yet been approved and mining has not yet commenced. However, The Division is maintaining a file on this Notice, hence, the request for an annual report. The Division is aware that all current activity on the site is in accordance with the approved exploration project E/003/004. We will accept the exploration report in lieu of the annual report for the mining project (a copy will be placed in file M/003/007).

Please keep us apprised of the status of your operations, including any plans for further exploration activities, conversion to a mining operation, or reclamation of the sites. Enclosed is another copy of our Mineral Exploration Progress Report (Form MR-EPR) to be filled out and returned to the Division at the end of the next exploration year or when the projects are completed and reclaimed (whichever comes first). This form must be filed as required under rule R647-2-115.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will inspect the site. In reply, <u>please refer to file number E/003/026 for the H.S. Project, E/003/029 for the K.B. Project, E/003/004 for the Tug Exploration Project, and M/003/007 for the Tug Mining Project.</u>

Sincerely,

Lynn Kunzler

Reclamation Specialist

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CC: m/003/007